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33 having a closure 34 and an air inlet valve 35 connected either to an attached pump or some other means to force air into can 33. When the air pressure in can 33 is increased, the pressure in all of the containers will increase. Thereafter, the pressure in the large can may be reduced without affecting the pressure in the smaller containers. Whenever the balls contained under pressure are needed, the smaller containers are opened. This multiple container arrangement is especially useful to teams or other groups of players who have need of more than three balls for normal play.

Although this disclosure has been made with specific reference to use of the invention for tennis balls, it is apparent that the combination of parts of this container may be adapted to prolonging the physical properties of other articles of similar construction.

I claim:

1. A container comprising a hollow impervious cylinder adapted to receive a plurality of loose inflated balls and having

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a closed end and an open end with an annular sealing surface at the open end, a combined closure and pump assembly at the open end of the cylinder, said assembly including a hemispherical elastomeric cap having an air inlet opening and a peripheral rib, a rigid plate and an elastomeric disc, said cap, plate and disc having diameters slightly greater than that of the sealing surface of the cylinder and a one way check valve to permit air flow from the cap into the cylinder, and clamp means connected to the cylinder and including a ring engageable with the peripheral rib of the cap for pressing the disc into sealing engagement with the sealing surface of the cylinder and peripheral portions of the cap, plate and disc into airtight contact with one another.

2. The combination of elements set forth in claim 1 in which the check valve comprises a rib depending from said plate around an opening through the plate and a valve on the disc and seatable on the rib.

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